

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

September 14, 2009

City of Chula Vista, Council Chambers
276 Fourth Avenue

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chair Stillman at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Stillman, Vice Chair Gilgun, Commissioners Cory, Rahimzadeh, and Ulloa

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Conservation & Environmental Services Director Meacham, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Sr. Secretary Fields

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Young from the San Diego Foundation

MOTION TO EXCUSE: Requests for excused absences for Commissioners Rahimzadeh and Ulloa for the RCC meeting of August 10, 2009 were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Emily Young from the San Diego Foundation gave a presentation on the Regional Focus 2050 Study, which looked at what the potential threats might be in the future regarding climate change in our region, and what we can do about it. She discussed the need to manage impacts of climate change at the local level and talked about how Chula Vista was uniquely at risk due to the diversity of the area and the huge temperature gradient in the area. She also talked about ways local governments could identify and address areas of risk.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Climate Measures 12-month Progress Report

Environmental Resource Manager Reed gave the presentation. He stated that it is projected that climate changes will occur, and that there is an emerging focus on how cities will adapt to this new reality. The report highlights vulnerability or risk, and looks at ways to reduce costs in the future. Staff is proposing through this roadmap that, similar to the 7

Climate Measures that were recently adapted, they would be developing the climate change adaptation strategy through a community-based planning process. The major focus of this planning process would be to help determine the greatest risks and vulnerabilities to our city, and to prioritize those in the process. Staff is suggesting that we use the reconvened Climate Change Working Group as the conduit for the public participation. The group would be charged with assessing and then selecting a list of recommended adaptation policies and programs to take to Council for consideration.

ACTION: Chair Stillman made a motion to accept the Climate Adaptation Planning Roadmap and ask Council to direct staff to proceed forward on this study and return to them with a strategy for Climate Adaptation measures. No second was called. The motion passed unanimously.

3. 2008 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report

Environmental Resource Manager Reed gave the presentation highlighting the major findings of the report. The City has been conducting greenhouse gas inventories over the years to identify greenhouse gas sources and to quantify them. The City, in the mid 1990's, made a commitment to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 20% below 1990 levels by 2010. He briefly discussed some of the sources of greenhouse gas emissions at the local level, and how emissions are calculated. He also talked about the next steps in the process.

ACTION: Chair Stillman made a motion that the Resource Conservation Commission accept the 2008 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report and recommend that it be presented to Council, and that they also accept it. Commissioner Cory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMENTS

1. Conservation and Environmental Services Director Meacham introduced new RCC Member, Derek Turbide.
2. Director Meacham announced that the power lines on the bayfront would soon be taken down.

CHAIR COMMENTS

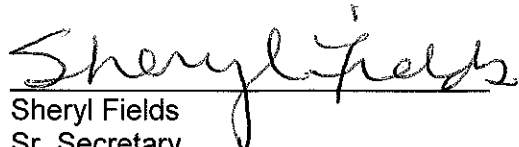
Chair Stillman stated that she hoped to arrange a time to do a presentation on the status of the historic preservation process and the inventory, so that the commissions could have a full review. She stated that because of the decline in property values and Chula Vista's city budget limitations, we are in danger of the loss of certain historic properties.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Gilgun thanked Director Meacham and the Mayor for attending the Regional Water Quality Board meeting the previous week.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, September 28, 2009, at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

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